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I. Basic Missions.

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The main mission of GST training activities is:

1. To fill members of the GST with a spirit of patriotism and willingness to defend the socialist achievements of our fatherland and to act in true friendship toward the USSR and the people's democracies.
2. To imbue comrades of the GST with hatred against the Anglo-American imperialists and their West-German accomplices, the clique around Adenauer which is mainly responsible for the division of Germany.
3. To make GST members efficient in all skills and techniques required within the framework of the GST basic program.

II. Training Principles.

1. All GST training activities must be conducted systematically and without waste of time along the lines laid down in the GST training program. Training must be organized in such a form as to guarantee a high degree of discipline and strengthen the conviction of GST members that the policy of the SED and the East-German government is correct. Qualities to be promoted in GST members are: dexterity, daring, courage, resourcefulness, initiative, strength, perseverance, staying power, ambition, and the will of becoming an example to other GST members. All GST members participating in the training program are to be given an intimate knowledge of, and the greatest possible familiarity with, the subjects in the GST basic training program.

In order to reach this aim it will be necessary to conduct the training in well organized and efficient form, to present the subjects in an interesting way, and to control the fulfilment of instruction targets according to the time schedule given every week.

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The most efficient form of training GST members is the practical demonstration of the individual techniques and manipulations to be taught. After that, instructors will have to give brief explanations; trainees must be made to repeat the operations until full mastery is reached; the correct execution of all activities must be controlled. Theoretical principles will have to be explained by visual aids such as charts, diagrams, sketches, drawings, models, etc. Each training period will begin with a short political instruction dealing with the most important current affairs. Political training is to be closely linked with all other training activities. After completion of the political instruction, the subject matter of the preceding training period is to be repeated and instructors must make sure that all students have reached the aim of the preceding instruction period.

2. The duration of the "Ausbildungszeit" (training phase) is four months. Two 60-minute training periods will be given per week, and one 4-hour training period will be given at one weekend per month. Only 2 x 2-hour training periods will be given during the first and second weeks of the "training phase". Training will be given outside working hours. After the completion of the training period, weapons will be used carefully under the control of instructors. By cleaning weapons, trainees will be made familiar with the individual parts of the weapons used.
3. Trainees are held to participate in the practice-marches and athletic competitions of the GST.
4. Tabulation of Training Periods Available.

2 weeks with 2 training periods each:	4 training periods
15 weeks with 4 training periods each:	60 training periods
4 x 4 training periods (one 4-hour training period per month)	16 training periods
total	80 training periods

5. Subjects of Training.

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	field training	24
2	weapons training	30
3	close-order drill	4
4	athletic training	6
5	topography	9
6	training in gas defense	2
7	medical service	1
8	preparations for inspections	4
Total		80

6. Ammunition to be consumed.

7.9 mm cartridges:

1. carbine	first target range practice	<u>3 rounds</u>
total		3 rounds

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rim-fire cartridges of caliber 22, long

1. model KK rifles	first to fourth target range pract.	12 rounds
2. model KK pistols	" target range pract.	3 rounds
3. in reserve		1 round
Total		16 rounds

III. Execution of Training Program.

1. Field Training

Field training is to be given in such a form as to make the trainee an individual fighter and made him familiar with all missions to be accomplished within an infantry squad. Field training is to be given along the lines laid down in the Annex. All field training is to be conducted in the terrain. Great stress is to be laid on the selection of suitable terrain which is conducive to the targets laid down in the training program. Thus, for example, when the different types of movement in the terrain are to be practiced, terrain is to be selected which will make it possible to advance at first in upright positions on routes protected from enemy observation, but which will subsequently force trainees to move in a bent form and ultimately force them to crawl or to move in rushes. When the subject of training is the rifle squad in attack, a terrain is to be selected which will force trainees to overcome natural obstacles. Marches to, and from, the training area are to be utilized for additional training. Security on the march, reconnaissance, the correct behaviour of reconnaissance patrol, various forms of observation, range estimation etc., are subjects to be taught on such marches. Great stress is to be laid on the training of the individual. All activities connected with field training are to be taught in stages. Each branch of training is to be concluded with suitable exercise.

Break Down of Training Periods.

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	The individual fighter in the defense	4
2	The individual fighter in the attack	4
3	The rifle squad in the defense	6
4	The rifle squad on reconnaissance patrols	5
5	The rifle squad in the attack	6
Total		24

2. Weapons Training

The basic aim of weapons training is to make trainees familiar with the individual parts of weapons as well as with the handling, use, cleaning, maintenance, and correct storage. The ultimate aim is to reach a high efficiency of marksmanship. During the 4-month training, firing will only be practiced at fixed targets. The entire weapons training will be given in such a form as to rotate small details of trainees through a number of stations, each station being

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assigned a specific technical task or operation (Stationsbetrieb). Each class with weapons (120 minutes) will begin and end with aiming practice for 10 minutes. Instructors in charge of training in firing are responsible for the observation of security regulations. Prior to firing practice at target ranges, all trainees will be instructed on regulations to be observed at firing ranges.

Break Down of Training Periods

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	carbine	12
2	submachine gun	4
3	machine gun	4
4	pistols	4
5	firing with the model KK rifle	6
	total	30

3. Close Order Drill

The basic aim of individual drill and close-order drill is to promote military discipline of the individual and of the rifle squad. Systematic drill will be spread out over the entire training phase and will be used in all branches of training.

Break-Down of Training Periods.

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	individual drill	2
2	drill at squad level	2
	total	4

4. Athletic Training

Sports must be taught and organized in such a form as to make any GST member courageous, strong and agile. Training periods devoted to athletic activities must be spread out over the entire training phase. Physical demands made on trainees are to be increased gradually. Special stress is to be laid on activities which require courage and daring.

Sports lessons will be broken up as follows:

- Preparatory unit (10 minutes): callisthenics, training in running.
- Main unit (35 minutes).
- Conclusion (5 minutes): relaxation.

Break Down of Training Periods

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	overcoming of obstacles and training of courage (sic)	2
2	cross-country runs and obstacle runs	2
	total	4

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5. Topography

Instruction in topography is to be given in such a form as to enable trainees to orient themselves in the terrain with and without aids. Stress is to be laid on the selection of suitable terrain for instruction in topography. Trainees will be made familiar with the various features and forms of landscape.

Break-Down of Training Periods

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	standard maps and map symbols	2
2	the compass	1
3	orientation in the terrain	2
4	marching by map and compass	4
Total		9

6. Gas Defense.

The basic aim of this subject is to make GST members familiar with the facts of atomic defense and the principles of protection against atomic radiation.

Break-Down of Training Periods.

No	Subject	Number of Training Periods
1	properties of the atomic weapons	1
2	protection against effects of atomic weapons	1
Total		2

7. Medical Instruction.

One training period will be devoted to medical instruction. The basic aim of this instruction is to make trainees familiar with the hygiene to be observed on marches and first aid.

8. Four hours during the four month training course will be devoted to preparations for inspections. ^{25X1}

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